

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori.

Representative Gosselin moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2006 meeting.

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4264 before the committee.

HB 4264 Lemmons, III Education; school districts; single sex schools; allow for Detroit public schools.

Representative Lemmons, III, testified in support of HB 4264.

William Coleman, General Superintendent of Detroit Public Schools, testified in support of HB 4264.*

Emily Martin, representing the American Civil Liberties Union, testified in opposition to HB 4264.*

Elizabeth Homer and Mary Pollack, representing the Michigan National Organization for Women, testified in opposition to HB 4264.*

Barbara Bonsignore, representing the American Association of University Women of Michigan, testified in opposition to HB 4264.*

Marcia Federbush, representing the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, testified in opposition to HB 4264.*

Hilda Patricia Curran, representing herself, testified in opposition to HB 4264.

Fern Katz, representing herself, testified in opposition to HB 4264.*

The following people submitted cards indicating a neutral position on HB 4264, but did not wish to speak:

Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education,
Michelle Price, representing the Detroit Federation of Teachers,
Louise Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 4264, but did not wish to speak:

Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency,
Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

David Michelson, representing the Michigan Education Association, submitted a card in opposition to HB 4264, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt substitute (H-3) to HB 4264.

Representative Robertson supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 17-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Mortimer offered the following amendment to HB 4264 (H-3):

1. Amend page 1, line 4, by striking out “**COMPARABLE**” and inserting “**SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL**”.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt the amendment.

Representative Robertson supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 18-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Hopgood offered the following amendments to HB 4264 (H-3):

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after “**SEC. 475.**” by striking out “**THE**” and inserting “**(1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), THE**”.

2. Amend page 1, following line 5, by inserting:

“(2) IF THE BOARD OF A FIRST CLASS SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTABLISHES A SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOL, CLASS, OR PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1), THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL NOT REQUIRE PARTICIPATION BY ANY OF ITS PUPILS IN THE SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOL, CLASS, OR PROGRAM. THE BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT PARTICIPATION BY PUPILS IN A SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOL, CLASS, OF PROGRAM IS WHOLLY VOLUNTARY. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, PARTICIPATION BY A PUPIL IN A SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOL, CLASS, OR PROGRAM IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE VOLUNTARY UNLESS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ALSO MAKES AVAILABLE TO THE PUPIL A SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL COEDUCATIONAL SCHOOL, CLASS, OR PROGRAM.”

Representative Hopgood moved to adopt the amendments.

Representative Miller supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 19-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Hopgood offered the following amendments to HB 4264 (H-3):

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after “**SEC475.**” by inserting “**(1)**”.

2. Amend page 1 following line 5, by inserting:

“(2) IF THE BOARD OF A FIRST CLASS SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTABLISHES A SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOL, CLASS, OR PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1), THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN ARTICULATING THE GOALS OF THE SCHOOL, CLASS, OR PROGRAM. FURTHER, AT THE END OF 3 YEARS OF OPERATING THE SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOL, CLASS, OR PROGRAM, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SHALL DEVELOP AND PUBLISH AN EVALUATION OF THE SCHOOL, CLASS, OR PROGRAM THAT USES MEASURABLE DATA TO EVALUATE THE EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SINGLE-GENDER SCHOOL, CLASS, OR PROGRAM HAS RESULTED IN ANY DISCRIMINATION IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC RESOURCES, CURRICULUM

SELECTION, OR PEDAGOGY. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL MAKE THIS EVALUATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST PARENTS AND POLICYMAKERS IN EVALUATING THE EFFICACY OF THE SCHOOL, CLASS, OR PROGRAM."

Representative Hopgood moved to adopt the amendments.

Representative Miller supported the motion.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 8-11-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Wenke, Ball, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson and Virgil Smith,

Pass: None.

Representative Miller offered the following amendment to HB 4264 (H-3):

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after "**SEC. 475.**" by striking out "**THE**" and inserting "**UNTIL THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR, THE**".

Representative Miller moved to adopt the amendment.

Representative Vagnozzi supported the motion.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 6-13-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Wenke, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Virgil Smith and Clack,

Pass: None.

Representative Virgil Smith moved to report out HB 4264 as substitute (H-4) with recommendation.

Representative Robertson supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-3-4.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson and Virgil Smith,

Nays: Representatives Wenke, Miller and Vagnozzi,

Pass: Representatives Hopgood, Angerer, Clack and Polidori.

HB 4264 (H-4) reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 5279 and SB 443 before the committee.

HB 5279 Miller Education; teachers; certification to teach sixth grade; revise to be included in both elementary and secondary education certificate.

SB 443 Olshove Education; teachers; certification to teach sixth grade; revise to be included in both elementary and secondary education certificate.

Representative Miller testified in support of HB 5279 and SB 443.

Bob Morris, representing the Michigan Department of Education, testified in support of HB 5279 and SB 443.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 5279 and SB 443, but did not wish to speak:

Brian Whiston, representing Oakland Schools,
Kathleen Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency,
Nancy Stanley, representing the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association,
Louise Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan,
Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Representative Miller offered the following amendments to SB 443:

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after “**SEC. 1531G.**” by striking out “(1)”.
2. Amend page 1, line 2, after “**MICHIGAN**” by striking out the balance of the bill and inserting “**SECONDARY LEVEL TEACHING CERTIFICATE, THE INDIVIDUAL IS CERTIFIED TO TEACH GRADE 6 IN THE SUBJECT AREAS IN WHICH HE OR SHE HAS ENDORSEMENTS ON THE TEACHING CERTIFICATE.**”.

Representative Hopgood moved to adopt the amendments.

Representative Polidori supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 18-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Miller moved to report out SB 443 as substitute (H-2) with recommendation.

Representative Pearce supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 18-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 443 (H-2) reported out with recommendation.

Representative Miller offered the following amendment to HB 5279:

1. Amend page 1, line 2, after “**MICHIGAN**” by striking out the balance of the bill and inserting “**SECONDARY LEVEL TEACHING CERTIFICATE, THE INDIVIDUAL IS CERTIFIED TO TEACH GRADE 6 IN THE SUBJECT AREAS IN WHICH HE OR SHE HAS ENDORSEMENTS ON THE TEACHING CERTIFICATE.**”.

Representative Hopgood moved to adopt the amendment.

Representative Vagnozzi supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 18-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Miller moved to report out HB 5279 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

Representative Pearce supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 18-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Virgil Smith, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 5279 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.

The Chair announced the creation of the Subcommittee on Curriculum Standards. The following members were appointed to the subcommittee:

Representatives Palmer, Chair, Hoogendyk, Pearce, Angerer and Polidori.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:30 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
June 14, 2006
2 hours

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written materials attached to report out file.